

# Consumer Assistance Program

## Repair Assistance Options Allow Consumers to Meet Smog Check Requirements

The Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) helps California consumers with Smog Check repairs to bring their vehicles into compliance with emissions standards. CAP allows qualified motorists to receive **up to \$500** in emissions-related repairs from the state. Eligible consumers must take their vehicles to Smog Check repair stations specifically authorized by the state to perform repair assistance services. Motorists may qualify for repair assistance in one of two ways:

- (1) **Income Eligible** – Motorists whose household incomes are at or below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines qualify for repair assistance. For example, a family of four whose income does not exceed \$2,837 per month, or \$34,040 per year, would qualify for repair assistance. Qualified consumers must pay the first \$20 towards diagnosis and/or emissions-related repairs before the state makes its contribution of **up to \$500**.
- (2) **Test-Only Eligible** – Certain vehicles are required to have their Smog Checks done at stations that perform only tests, and no repairs. The Test-Only inspection requirement is indicated on the vehicle's DMV registration renewal notice. Motorists with vehicles that were directed to a Test-Only station, and fail the inspection, also qualify for repair assistance. Qualified consumers must pay the first \$100 towards diagnosis and/or emissions-related repairs before the state makes its contribution of **up to \$500**.

If your vehicle has failed a Smog Check inspection, and you intend to apply to the Consumer Assistance Program, do not have any repairs performed on your vehicle. You must first submit an application and have it approved, making you and your car eligible for the program. You will then receive a list of participating stations where you can take your car to have it repaired.

Click here to obtain a **CAP application**. For more information on the Bureau of Automotive Repair, visit us at [www.smogcheck.ca.gov](http://www.smogcheck.ca.gov), and remember to "Drive Smart California."